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Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office.

Thank you for your response to these surveys.

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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Up 13 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.23 million cattle on feed on August 1, 2012. This inventory was up 13 percent from last year and is the largest August 1 inventory since the data series began in 1994. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 410,000 head, up 5 percent from 2011. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 440,000 head, up 6 percent from last year. Other disappearance during July totaled 10,000 head, compared with 15,000 head during 2011.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 1 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on August 1, 2012. The inventory was 1 percent above August 1, 2011. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.92 million, 10 percent below 2011. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly below 2011. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during July, 11 percent below 2011.

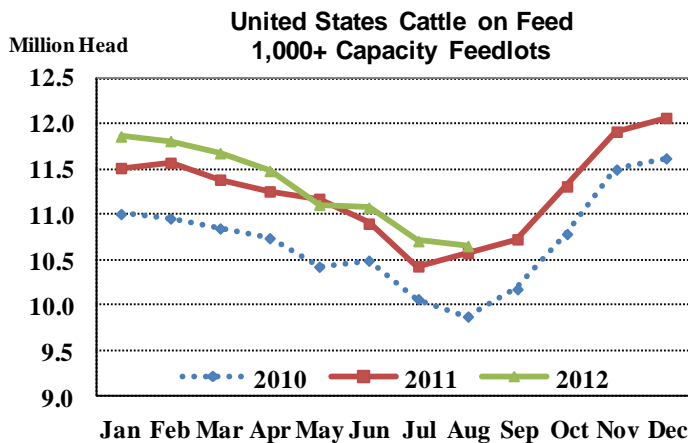
**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2011-2012**

State	August 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			July Placements			July Marketings			July Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011	2011	2012	<u>2012</u> 2011
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	287	274	95	24	22	92	23	26	113	1	1	100
California	480	475	99	62	52	84	48	54	113	4	3	75
Colorado	970	940	97	170	155	91	195	180	92	5	5	100
Idaho	195	190	97	24	35	146	41	44	107	3	1	33
Iowa	550	600	109	55	52	95	93	70	75	2	2	100
Kansas	2,180	2,160	99	580	540	93	420	415	99	10	15	150
Nebraska	1,980	2,230	113	390	410	105	415	440	106	15	10	67
Oklahoma	360	320	89	86	68	79	74	66	89	2	2	100
South Dakota	195	190	97	22	20	91	35	39	111	2	1	50
Texas	2,830	2,650	94	630	475	75	470	475	101	20	20	100
Washington	190	210	111	42	40	95	41	39	95	3	1	33
Other States	362	417	115	50	53	106	63	65	103	4	2	50
U.S.	10,579	10,656	101	2,135	1,922	90	1,918	1,913	100	71	63	89

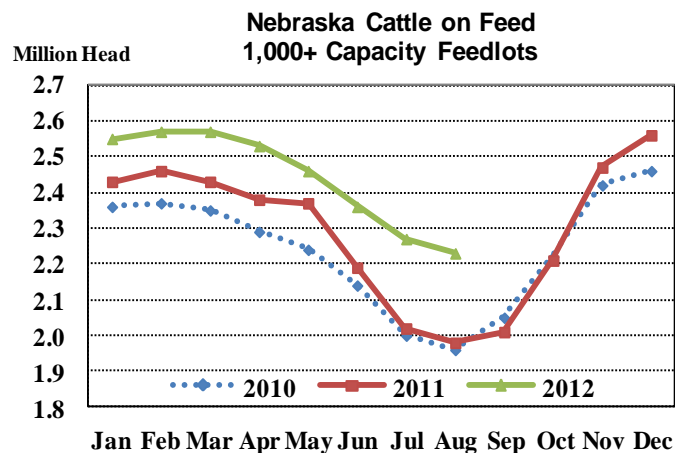
<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, August 17, 2012



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office



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**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2011-2012**

State	During July									
	Under 600 lbs.		600-699 lbs.		700-799 lbs.		800+ lbs.		Total	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<i>1,000 Head</i>										
Colorado	45	25	25	20	40	40	60	70	170	155
Kansas	95	85	115	105	190	180	180	170	580	540
Nebraska	60	70	70	70	100	90	160	180	390	410
Texas	300	225	140	85	95	100	95	65	630	475
Other States	120	95	50	45	70	60	125	142	365	342
United States	620	500	400	325	495	470	620	627	2,135	1,922

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed August 17, 2012

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

July 2012 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. July 2011 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays. July 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

**Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, July 2012 with Comparisons**

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	July 2012 as % of	
		July 2011	June 2012
Nebraska	<i>1,000 Head</i>		
Cattle, head	563.0	100	96
Hogs, head	615.3	107	103
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	593.6	104	97
United States			
Cattle, head	2,792.0	101	97
Calves, head	67.5	92	121
Hogs, head	8,566.1	105	100
Sheep & Lambs, head	178.6	109	106
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	3,944.5	104	98

<sup>1</sup> Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter August 24, 2012

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, July 31, 2012 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks	July 31, 2012 as percent of	
		July 31, 2011	June 30, 2012
	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>		
Total red meats	1,030,770	115	95
Beef	455,743	110	97
Pork	546,551	120	92
Poultry	1,208,139	94	101
Turkey	554,984	106	101
Chicken	648,638	86	100

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage August 22, 2012

**Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, July 2012 with Comparisons**

Item	2011	2012	2012/2011
	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Millions</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	9.1	9.1	100
United States	335.8	334.9	100
Table Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	227	228	100
United States	6,633	6,676	101
Chickens Hatched, July			
United States			
Egg-type	37.0	34.0	92
Broiler	768.4	762.7	99

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs August 21, 2012

**Milk Cows and Production: By Month, 23 Selected States, 2011-2012**

Month	Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per Cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	Change from 2011
	<i>Thousand head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	8,405	8,502	1,811	1,859	15,219	15,806	3.9
February	8,408	8,510	1,665	1,780	13,997	15,149	8.2
March	8,425	8,521	1,872	1,930	15,773	16,447	4.3
April	8,431	8,527	1,835	1,879	15,475	16,021	3.5
May	8,447	8,521	1,902	1,923	16,069	16,382	1.9
June	8,450	8,507	1,820	1,827	15,382	15,545	1.1
July	8,459	8,500	1,820	1,826	15,395	15,520	0.8
August	8,463		1,813		15,342		
September	8,466		1,742		14,744		
October	8,475		1,790		15,170		
November	8,475		1,739		14,742		
December	8,485		1,818		15,426		
Annual	8,449		21,627		182,734		

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Source: USDA NASS Milk Production, August 17, 2012

**Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary August 2012 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States		
		August 2011 <sup>1</sup>	July 2012 <sup>1</sup>	August 2012 <sup>2</sup>	August 2011 <sup>1</sup>	July 2012 <sup>1</sup>	August 2012 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>			<i>Dollars</i>		
Wheat, All	Bushel	7.12	7.65	7.90	7.59	7.93	8.03
Corn	Bushel	6.93	7.05	7.70	6.88	7.14	7.54
Oats	Bushel	3.53	4.00	3.95	3.20	3.70	3.64
Grain Sorghum	Cwt	11.70	12.00	13.00	10.70	10.70	11.90
Soybeans	Bushel	13.30	15.30	16.20	13.40	15.40	15.90
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	103.00	155.00	179.00	179.00	184.00	184.00
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	112.00	168.00	202.00	196.00	198.00	203.00
Other, Baled	Ton	87.00	120.00	135.00	135.00	143.00	140.00
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt	39.50	42.40	42.20	34.00	45.80	43.00
Hogs	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	75.80 <sup>3</sup>	72.10 <sup>3</sup>	69.20 <sup>3</sup>
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76.10 <sup>3</sup>	73.10 <sup>3</sup>	70.60 <sup>3</sup>
Sows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	68.90 <sup>3</sup>	47.90 <sup>3</sup>	38.30 <sup>3</sup>
Beef Cattle	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	111.00 <sup>3</sup>	114.00 <sup>3</sup>	115.00 <sup>3</sup>
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	114.00 <sup>3</sup>	117.00 <sup>3</sup>	118.00 <sup>3</sup>
Cows	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	70.80 <sup>3</sup>	80.90 <sup>3</sup>	80.00 <sup>3</sup>
Calves	Cwt	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	134.00 <sup>3</sup>	144.00 <sup>3</sup>	151.00 <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary. <sup>3</sup> Price data source is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

(NA) Not Available – State prices discontinued.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, August 31, 2012

# Nebraska: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2011

Rank	Items	Value of Receipts	Percent of total receipts	Cumulative percent <sup>1</sup>	Percent of U.S. value <sup>2</sup>	Value of U.S. receipts
		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
	All commodities	21,814,979	100.0		5.8	374,251,708
	Livestock and products	10,060,966	46.1		6.1	165,997,906
	Crops	11,754,013	53.9		5.6	208,253,802
1	Cattle and calves	8,614,978	39.5	39.5	13.7	62,925,466
2	Corn	7,659,189	35.1	74.6	12.0	63,874,136
3	Soybeans	3,069,832	14.1	88.7	8.2	37,574,197
4	Hogs	918,228	4.2	92.9	4.2	21,686,656
5	Wheat	437,301	2.0	94.9	3.0	14,648,452
6	Dairy products	248,358	1.1	96.0	0.6	39,532,545
7	Chicken eggs	171,382	0.8	96.8	2.3	7,316,743
8	Hay	140,570	0.6	97.5	2.1	6,656,155
9	Sugar beets	93,436	0.4	97.9	4.9	1,905,895
10	Dry beans	88,941	0.4	98.3	10.2	874,519
11	Potatoes	64,134	0.3	98.6	1.7	3,758,528
12	Greenhouse/nursery	42,219	0.2	98.8	0.3	15,598,464
13	Sorghum grain	36,261	0.2	98.9	2.8	1,272,436
14	Sunflower	23,293	0.1	99.1	3.7	631,412
15	Millet, proso	10,725	0.0	99.1	20.2	53,063
16	Honey	4,185	0.0	99.1	1.6	258,051
17	Oats	1,801	0.0	99.1	1.8	100,363
18	Wool	328	0.0	99.1	0.7	48,760
19	Farm chickens	20	0.0	99.1	0.0	81,252
	Broilers	<sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	--
	Turkeys	<sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	--
	Rye	<sup>3</sup>	--	--	--	--
	Government payments <sup>4</sup>	470,349	--	--	4.5	10,421,404
	Net farm income <sup>5</sup>	7,411,985	--	--	6.3	117,907,650

<sup>1</sup>The cumulative percentage is the sum of the percent of total receipts for each commodity and all preceding commodities. <sup>2</sup>Percent State receipts are of U.S. receipts for same line item. <sup>3</sup>Commodities at the bottom of the above ranked list of commodities and having no accompanying data would have appeared within the ranked list of leading commodities, but were excluded to avoid disclosure of confidential information about individual producers. <sup>4</sup>Government payments made directly to farmers in cash or Payment-in-Kind. <sup>5</sup>Net farm income, a value of production measure, is the farm operator's share of the sector's net value added to the National economy from production activities within a calendar year. Source: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2011, USDA Economic Research Service, August 28, 2012

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